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The Bureau of Land Management Billings Field Office is asking for the public's help in identifying public land areas for travel management planning.

The Montana BLM issued an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) decision in June 2003 that restricts motorized wheeled cross-country travel to existing roads and trails. As part of the decision, the BLM is to prioritize areas in need of more site-specific travel planning. These could be areas having a high level of OHV use that has resulted in resource damage, user conflicts, or impacts to public safety or wildlife. The public could also identify areas where there are opportunities for trail construction and/or improvement or specific areas where intensive OHV use may be appropriate.

BLM personnel have already identified four high-priority areas in the Billings Field Office: Shepherd Ah-Nei, the Horsethief area near Roundup, the Pryor Mountains, and the Acton area. Members of the public wishing to identify additional areas for the high-priority list should contact Eddie Bateson at the Billings Field Office, 896-5013, by November 1, 2003.

Further information on the OHV decision and travel management planning can be found at www.mt.blm.gov.

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